GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:140
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2005
MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT OF AIR INDIA
Patil Shri Balasaheb Vikhe

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of delays of flights operated by Air India(AI) occured due to technical snags caused by poor maintenance during the last three months;

(b) Whether maintenance of aircraft of AI is not up to the mark causing occurence of technical snags frequently;

(c) if so, whether delays in arrival/departure of flights of AI has tarnished its image in the international market; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.140 FOR 01.12.2005 REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT OF AIR INDIA.

(a): The details of delays of flights operated by Air India due to engineering delays during the last three months are as under:

Month	Total delays	Engineering delays	Percentage
Aug.05	501	193	39
Sept.05	374	160	43
Oct.05	414	110	27

(b): No, Sir. Air India strictly complies with the maintenance schedule, requirements, directives and guidelines issued by Directorate General of Civil Aviation and other regulatory agencies.

(c): No, Sir. Air India's overall technical dispatch reliability was better than the industry average for the 12 months period ending June 2005.

(d): All the technical delays are investigated thoroughly and necessary rectifications/corrective action is taken. A Permanent Investigation Board (PIB) also investigates all incidents and suggests corrective action to the Quality Control & Technical Services Division of Engineering Department, which takes necessary action to prevent recurrence. Besides, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation also monitor, scrutinize and audit the maintenance activities performed by Air India.